23. A compound having the formula

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein \boldsymbol{R}_1 is

R₄ is alkyl;

 $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{5}}$ is hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, or aryl; and

 R_6 and R_7 are independently hydrogen, $-PO_3H_2$, or $-C-R_5-$ A compound according to Claim 25 wherein R_1 is

25. An antiviral composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and an effective amount of a compound of the formula

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